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1. The WAICHUNG (a Portuguese freighter) returned* to Tsingtao from Lienyunkang with a cargo of coal. Although she is scheduled to leave for loading cargo at Shihtao and has cleared to go to Korea and Hong Kong, her sailing date has been delayed for another week. The charterer* is now refusing to permit two foreign businessmen, who had cleared to leave aboard the vessel for Hong Kong, to board her. The businessmen feel that there is something suspicious about the ship.
2. The TALKLISHAN (british) returned* to Tsingtao from Lienyunkang with a cargo of coal, then left on 9 August for Shihtao, where a cargo will be loaded for Hong Kong.
3. The SAN EDUARDO (Panamanian) arrived in Tsingtao from Hong Kong on 8 August with a general cargo and three Chinese passengers. The WAI YUAN (british) arrived from Hong Kong on 8 August with a general cargo.
4. The EASTERN TRADER (Panamanian) left Tsingtao on 4 August for Lienyunkang and returned with a cargo of coal. Just before her departure on 11 August her sailing orders were changed, whereupon she loaded a small cargo of peanut oil at Tsingtao. She will go directly to Korea and then to Hong Kong. Her previous orders had been to load a cargo of coal at Lienyunkang and then go to Hong Kong.
5. The master of the EASTERN TRADER [redacted] remainder of the coal 25X1 at Lienyunkang is earmarked for Shanghai and southern ports, and will not be taken to Tsingtao.
6. At Shihtao the Communists are paying in silver bars for cargoes arriving from Hong Kong instead of by barter cargo.

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